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## **Ferronickel — Specification and delivery requirements**

*Ferro-nickel — Spécifications et conditions de livraison*

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## Foreword

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# Ferronickel — Specification and delivery requirements

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the technical delivery requirements for the various forms of ferronickel (ingots, pieces and shot) usually supplied for steel making and foundry use.

## 2 Definition

**ferronickel:** A master alloy of iron and nickel having a nickel content equal to or greater than 15 % (*m/m*), and less than 80 % (*m/m*), obtained from oxide ores or other nickel-bearing materials.

## 3 Information for ordering

Orders for ferronickel shall include the following information:

- quantity;
- chemical composition, according to the designations in the table;
- form of delivery, according to 4.2;
- requirements for analysis reports, packing, etc., as appropriate.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Chemical composition

**4.1.1** The chemical compositions of the various types of ferronickel are specified in table 1.

**4.1.2** In table 1, only the main constituent elements and usual impurities are given.

If the purchaser requires closer ranges for the main element contents and/or different limits for specified elements, and/or limits for non-specified elements, and/or if the contents of elements such as arsenic, bismuth, lead, antimony and tin each exceed 0,010 % (*m/m*), this shall be indicated and agreed upon between supplier and purchaser.

**4.1.3** The chemical compositions given in table 1 are subject to the precision of the methods of sampling and analysis for ferronickel.

### 4.2 Form of delivery and formation of lots

Ferronickel may be delivered as agreed between the supplier and the purchaser in various forms, e.g.: ingots, pieces or shot. The delivered lots, except by special agreement, shall have a minimum tonnage of 5 t.

#### 4.2.1 Ferronickel in ingots

Ingots may be supplied notched or unnotched. Their maximum mass is 100 kg; their thickness may be within a range of 30 to 150 mm and their length shall not exceed 1 100 mm.

Lots may be formed in two different ways:

- from material stocked individually from each tapping operation;
- by blending several heats; in this case, except by special agreement, heats shall be selected in a nickel content range from  $K$  to  $(K + 1)$  %,  $K$  being a whole number.

#### 4.2.2 Ferronickel in pieces

Pieces are either cast or cut from ingots. A lot is formed from only one of these two categories of pieces. The maximum dimension is between 25 and 100 mm. Within a lot, the sizes of pieces shall be uniform.

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#### 4.2.3 Ferronickel in the form of shot

The size of the shot obtained by shotting of liquid material is within a range of 2 to 50 mm.

If so agreed between supplier and purchaser, the ferronickel shot may be delivered after drying.